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Sir:

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EP 0 657 576 discloses that to avoid a spinning cycle during the presence of braking foam in the tub, it is proposed to supply to the control circuit of the washing machine during a spinning phase a signal which is a measure of an undesirable braking of the laundry drum (for example, as a result of foam formation) and which is determined by the ratio of the following parameters of the operation of the drive motor to one another: a) desired speed b) actual speed and c) a load-dependent electrical variable. As a result, reliable foam recognition is guaranteed and the elimination of foam is possible.

EP 0 373 063 discloses a method for washing laundry in a rotating horizontal drum of a washing machine, characterised in that it comprises, at least over the entire duration of a washing phase proper, subjecting the laundry successively to being dropped, and being rolled up on itself by the respective rotation of the washing drum at a drop speed (V_c) and at a rolling speed (V_r). Washing machine (1) rotating in both directions at a speed (V_r) at which the laundry rolls up situated between 20 and 40 revolutions per minute, and at a speed (V_c) at which the laundry drops down situated between 40 and 55 revolutions per minute.

EP 0 618 323 discloses that to improve the washing behaviour of the laundry and to reduce the consumption of water, of washing agent and of energy, the laundry drum is

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accelerated, in one direction of rotation, to a first rotational speed (n1) clearly below the starting rotational speed and, in the other direction of rotation, to a second rotational speed (n2) clearly above the starting rotational speed.

EP 0 318 761 discloses that the laundry drum, which is equipped under the drivers with scooping devices and which rotates more slowly during the wetting stage than during the washing-clear stage, is driven intermittently during the wetting stage with a switch-on time of at most 30%. This improves the wetting effect, so that the wetting stage can be kept to a very short time of three minutes.

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